GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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SATELLITE MONEY ORDERS/VSATS SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Postal Department has not yet been able to achieve the targets for installing Extended Satellite Money Orders and VSATs system during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any targets have been fixed for the coming years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): The Department procured the targetted number of VSAT systems and ESMOs during the past three years. Out of Seven Hundred Thirty Two (732) ESMOs, Two Hundreds Sixty Six (266) have already been installed and commissioned. The remaining Four Hundred Sixty Six (466) ESMOs are in the process of being installed. One Hundred Fifty (150) VSAT systems targetted for installatior are also in the process of being installed and commissioned for which a new software has been developed and which is under testing.

(c) & (d): During the year 2001-2002, the Department proposes to install another Four Hundred (400) Extended Satellite Money Order Stations.